Export of wheat

† 458. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries to which Food Corporation of India has exported wheat during the last three years together with the quantity of wheat exported to each country and the price at which it was exported; and

(b) the details of price fixed by Food Corporation of India for export of wheat during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) does not undertake exports of foodgrains. However, wheat is made available to Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), State Agencies and exporters from the Central Pool for export. During the last two and a half years about 144.63 lakh MTs of wheat have been lifted for export to 32 countries.

Wheat is offered to exporters at Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) prices, which are fixed by the Government from time to time based on crop year, variety and location of stocks. Post Delivery and other WTO Compatible expenses are allowed to them.

Transfer of funds to NLCPR

459. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to refer to answers to the Starred Question 678 dated 13th May, 2002, Unstarred Question 979 dated 27th February, 2003 and Unstarred Question 2056 dated 11th March, 2003 respectively given in the Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) the total amount of funds transferred to Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), amount released to the States of North Eastern Region as well as total amount and status of the unreleased amount, year-wise till March, 2003;

(b) whether separate budgetary provision is required for utilizing

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